

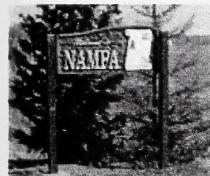
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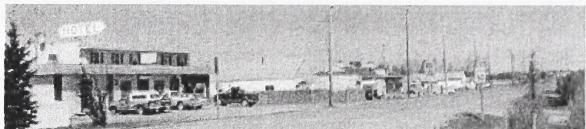
Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation

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## Village of Nampa - Municipal Cooperation for Our Seniors



The Village of Nampa and Northern Sunrise County have been working together on seniors transportation in our area since 1991.



That year Northern Sunrise County purchased a 12-passenger van, which was stationed at the Agricultural Service Board Building in Nampa. The bookings for all trips and recruiting volunteer drivers were coordinated through our Family and Community Support Services office (which is another joint board that both municipalities manage together), and the maintenance and gas costs were shared equally by the Village of Nampa and Northern Sunrise County.

In 2001, it was decided that a new bus was needed so we purchased a 15-passenger mini bus with provisions for two wheelchairs. The funds for this bus were derived from a grant through the Wild Rose Foundation, a lottery grant, and funds from both municipalities. We still share the costs of maintenance and gas equally, and the Family and Community Support Services office looks after recruiting the volunteer drivers and bookings for the van.

The bus takes seniors to doctor appointments and shopping in Peace River weekly, and once a month goes to Grande Prairie. Other outings are planned at the seniors' request. All of the seniors are picked up and delivered to their homes when using the bus.



Seniors in the hamlets of Marie Reine and St. Isidore, also located in the county, may use the van. This service covers a large

geographic area, and has worked well for many years. The service would not be possible without cooperation by both municipalities.

For more information, please contact:

Village of Nampa

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This article has been submitted by Bernadette Hebert and Carolyn Kolebaba. Bernadette is the Mayor of Nampa, a position she has held for thirteen years, and was born and raised in the area. Carolyn is the Vice President of the Alberta Association of Municipal District and Counties, and is in her first term as vice president.

## **Profile – Rennie Cauchie, Director, Northern District, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties**

### **How did you become interested in transportation issues?**

I have been a councillor for the Municipal District of Greenview since 1989 and one of the main topics on the municipality's agenda is transportation and the issues surrounding it. In 2004, I was elected to the Executive Board of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties as the northern zone representative. During my term on this Board, I have been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Barrier Free Transportation. This has been my first experience with transportation issues for persons with disabilities.



### **What is your role on the Advisory Committee and why did you become involved?**

As a representative for the northern rural municipalities, I report to my Executive Board on items that are discussed at the meeting as well as reporting to my zone meeting the issues that are brought forward at the Advisory Committee meetings. I also bring any issues that my zone members might have back to the Advisory Committee meetings.

## What are the major concerns or issues you have related to accessible transportation?

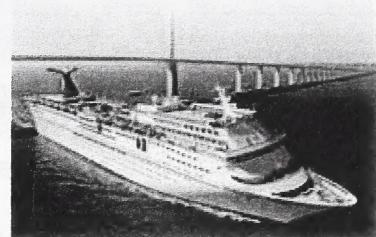
Some of the concerns I have heard from my zone are the accessibility of public buildings in some of the towns in the north as well as wheelchair designated parking stalls at public buildings but also at the larger shopping centres in the cities.

As a new member of the Advisory Committee, I am very impressed with the steps that are being taken to assist persons with disabilities with their transportation issues. I look forward to remaining a part of the Advisory Committee and being able to contribute to the advancement of a barrier free transportation province.



## Cruises Becoming More Accessible

Cruise vacations are gaining in popularity for persons with disabilities. The number of cruise vacations taken by persons with disabilities has risen sharply over the past five years.



One of the reasons persons with disabilities are taking cruises is the convenience of having many services and entertainment options available in one single location. Some persons with disabilities find this a preferable option over having to travel in a city they may never have visited before, and possibly encountering barriers to transportation.

Modern cruise ships are designed to be easy for people to find their way around. For example, many elevators have audio announcements for each floor, so the person knows which floor they are on. Many ships also include accessibility features such as wheelchair ramps that benefit not only passengers without disabilities, but parents using strollers.

There are also some cruises that offer specialized services for persons with disabilities, such as:

- on board dialysis treatments
- guided tours for persons with visual impairments

- special services for service dogs
- menus, itineraries, and other documents in braille.



Travel agents suggest giving the cruise operators as much notice as possible of the services persons with disabilities will require. Available services may vary between different cruise lines, ships, and even individual cruises. Your local travel agent may be able to provide additional information on the accessibility of each cruise and ship.

For more information, including links to cruise lines, please contact:

Cruise Line International Association

Phone: (212) 921-0066

E-mail: [clia@cruising.org](mailto:clia@cruising.org)

Web site: [www.cruising.org](http://www.cruising.org)

## Did you know . . .

### New Look for Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's Web site

Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation has now launched its new web site as mentioned in the last newsletter. The new web site address is [www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca](http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca).

Please remember to update your bookmarks. To find the barrier free information, click on the international symbol for mobility, which is located at the bottom left column of the page.



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# Federal Services for Persons with Disabilities Web site

Service Canada has launched a new web site, entitled **Services for Persons with Disabilities**, to provide information on Government of Canada services for persons with disabilities. The information on the web site is also available by phone or in-person.

The Services for Persons with Disabilities web site is:

- A single access point where persons with disabilities, their family members, caregivers and service providers can access a full range of information on disability-related programs and services in Canada.
- A site where citizens provide input on information they want to see.
- An accessible site which includes features such as variable font sizes and tools for persons using keyboards to navigate.



Users have access to information on: Assistive Technology, Tax and Financial Benefits, Transportation and Travel, Barrier Free Access, Housing, Employment, Learning and Skills Development, Recreation and Active Living and much more.

For more information, please contact:

Service Canada

Phone: (800) 622-6232

TTY: (800) 926-9105

E-mail: [disability@canada.gc.ca](mailto:disability@canada.gc.ca)

Web site: [servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca), click "I am: A Person with a Disability"

## New Checklist for Accessibility and Universal Design in Architecture

The City of Edmonton's Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities has created the **Checklist for Accessibility and Universal Design in Architecture** to facilitate the inclusion of accessibility and universal design principles in new construction and retrofit projects.

While the checklist is not intended as a replacement for the **Alberta Building**

Code, the Checklist suggests exceeding minimum standards where possible to maximize accessibility. Topics dealt with in the Checklist include:

- Parking areas
- Entrances
- Signage
- Stairs
- Elevators
- Ramps
- Handrails
- Washrooms
- Interior building elements
- Alarm systems/emergency exits

Following universal design principles in these areas will benefit all users, not only persons with disabilities. The Checklist is being used in the construction of the new Lois Hole Library in west Edmonton.

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Web site: [www.edmonton.ca/disability](http://www.edmonton.ca/disability)

## Canadian Urban Transit Association National Conference

The workshop proved to be a valuable resource to learn about best practices used by other accessible transit providers across Canada, to meet other transit providers, and to gather information on the latest technologies to improve services for persons with disabilities.

The Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) held its National Conference in Saskatoon from May 27 – 31, 2006. Among other activities, CUTA represents the public transit community in Canada by hosting conferences, conducting research, providing training, collecting statistics, and encouraging government support of public transit. CUTA's National Conference attracted over 300 delegates from across North America, including transit providers, various levels of government, and equipment suppliers.

This year marked a special occasion. For the first time in many years, the National Conference included a one day Accessible Transportation Workshop.

The workshop included sessions on:

- coordinating resources with demand
- accessibility service standards
- reaching out to users and stakeholders
- technology and intelligent transportation systems applications for paratransit services
- paratransit human resources and training issues
- interfacing mobility aids with vehicles.

Some highlights of the workshop include:

- An overview of transit statistics and provincial funding policies across Canada. According to data provided by CUTA members, the average specialized transit passenger in Alberta travels a distance of 10.89 km each trip, the highest in Canada.
- A brief presentation on human rights legislation regarding accessible transportation in Quebec. Many municipalities have formed contracts with accessible taxis to assist in the provision of transportation service for persons with disabilities.
- An update on the work of the Transportation Accessibility Standards Development Committee under the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005)**. This Committee has been meeting regularly since January 2006 and will eventually be making recommendations on necessary regulations regarding accessible transportation under the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005)** to the Minister of Community and Social Services.
- A number of presentations from transportation providers including Halifax Access-A-Bus, Toronto Transit Commission, and Saskatoon Access Bus on eligibility criteria, statistics, and current successes and challenges.
- An overview of a maintenance management system that is being implemented at the Calgary HandiBus Association. This system will help manage maintenance issues including tracking warranty claims to help save the service operator money.
- A discussion of security cameras that can be used to improve the security of persons with disabilities on board vehicles and protect their rights to equal treatment, safety, and security.
- An information session on securing wheelchairs and scooters to transit vehicles. The Canadian Standards Association will be deciding in the fall whether to review their standards relating to accessible vehicles.

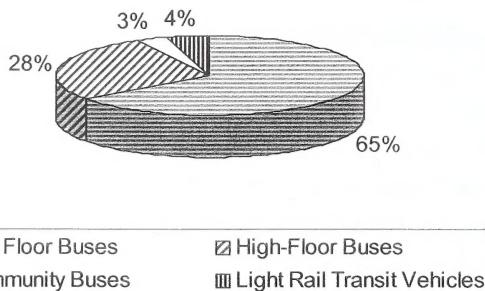
Overall, the workshop proved to be a valuable resource to learn about best practices used by other accessible transit providers across Canada, to meet other transit providers, and to gather information on the latest technologies to improve services for persons with disabilities.

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## Accessible Transit Systems in Alberta

### Edmonton Fleet

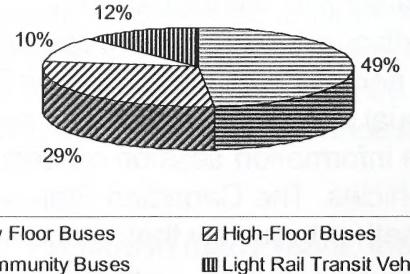


Edmonton Transit System and Calgary Transit are both focused on improving the accessibility of their bus fleets. Edmonton Transit currently has 549 low floor buses, out of a full-sized fleet of 784 buses and trolleys. Full-sized buses generally seat 25 or more passengers. Edmonton Transit also has a fleet of 29 community buses, which seat less than 25

passengers, that are wheelchair accessible, as well as 37 accessible Light Rail Transit vehicles. Each year, Edmonton Transit replaces approximately 35 full-size buses with accessible low floor buses. Edmonton Transit expects that all of their buses will be low floor by 2012.

Calgary Transit's fleet consists of 719 full-sized buses, 94 community buses and 116 Light Rail Transit vehicles. Of the 719 full-sized buses, 449 are accessible, while all the Light Rail Transit vehicles and community

### Calgary Fleet



buses are accessible. Calgary Transit expects all of their buses to be accessible by 2011 or 2012.

For more information, please contact:

Edmonton Transit System  
Phone: (780) 496-1611  
TTY: (780) 496-1633  
E-mail: [etransit@edmonton.ca](mailto:etransit@edmonton.ca)  
Web site: [www.takeets.com](http://www.takeets.com)

Calgary Transit  
Phone: (403) 262-1000  
TTY: (403) 268-8087  
E-mail: [TPCT043@calgary.ca](mailto:TPCT043@calgary.ca)  
Web site: [www.calgarytransit.com](http://www.calgarytransit.com)



## Accessible Transportation Rulings by the Canadian Transportation Agency

The Canadian Transportation Agency (the Agency) released a number of accessible transportation rulings in spring 2006. The following summaries are a sample of the rulings made:

- The Agency found that the level of the air carrier's Teletypewriter (TTY) and reservations services did not constitute obstacles to persons with hearing impairments. For more information, please visit:  
[www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/212-AT-A-2006\\_e.html](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/212-AT-A-2006_e.html)
- The Agency found that the lack of adequate accessible ground transportation at the airport constituted an undue obstacle to persons using wheelchairs. For more information, please visit:  
[www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/208-AT-A-2006\\_e.html](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/208-AT-A-2006_e.html)
- The Agency found that the air carrier's policies and procedures, and their application, constituted undue obstacles to persons with visual disabilities.

For more information, please visit:

[www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/287-AT-A-2006\\_e.html](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/rulings-decisions/decisions/2006/A/AT/287-AT-A-2006_e.html)

For more information, as well as access to other Agency rulings, please contact:

Canadian Transportation Agency

Phone: (888) 222-2592

TTY: (800) 669-5575

E-mail: [cta.comment@cta-otc.gc.ca](mailto:cta.comment@cta-otc.gc.ca)

Web site: [www.cta-otc.gc.ca/cqi-bin/rulingLists.pl?lang=e&type=decision&category=AT](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/cqi-bin/rulingLists.pl?lang=e&type=decision&category=AT)

## **Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) to Hold Consultations on Passenger Terminal Accessibility**

Further to the article in last issue entitled **Passenger Terminal Code of Practice**, the Canadian Transportation Agency (the Agency) will be holding public consultations this summer to assist in the development of this voluntary Code. The Code will cover the air, rail, and ferry modes of transportation, help provide a minimum level of accessibility for passenger terminals across Canada, and improve the accessibility of the federal transportation system as a whole.

The draft Code will be available on the Agency's web site by June 19, 2006, as well as in print and alternative formats. Comments are requested by July 28, 2006.

For more information, including to request copies or submit comments, please contact:

Canadian Transportation Agency

Mail: Consultation – Terminal Accessibility Code

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## Alberta Motor Association Releases Booklet for Aging Drivers

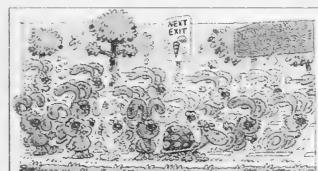
The Alberta Motor Association has released a booklet entitled **Tips for Aging Drivers**. The booklet is intended to help aging drivers maintain their independence while limiting the driving risks to themselves and others.

Sections of the booklet include:



- awareness, such as being aware of your own abilities
- safe driving tips, such as planning ahead, driving tips, and effects of medications
- eye-opening facts, such as facts on light, glare, and colour sensitivity
- normal changes, such as hearing and decision-making, that may follow the aging process
- choices, such as knowing your limits.

For more information, including a copy of the booklet, please contact:



Alberta Motor Association

Phone: (800) 222-6578

TTY: (800) 855-1155

E-mail: [consumer.information@ama.ab.ca](mailto:consumer.information@ama.ab.ca)

Web site: [www.ama.ab.ca/agingdrivers](http://www.ama.ab.ca/agingdrivers)

### Did you know . . .

## Accessible Pedestrian Signal Project

The Transportation Association of Canada has started a project to develop Canadian guidelines for accessible transportation signals. The guidelines will make it easier for persons with visual impairments to safely cross signalized intersections.

Areas to be studied include location, traffic signal timing, activation technologies, impact on other persons with different types of disabilities, cost considerations, and human impacts. Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation is participating as one of the sponsors of this project.

For more information, please contact:

Sandra Majkic

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Phone: (613) 736-1350

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Web site: [www.tac-atc.ca/english/projectsandpublications/  
pro-progress.cfm#accessible](http://www.tac-atc.ca/english/projectsandpublications/pro-progress.cfm#accessible)

## Correction

Further to the article in the last newsletter entitled **Calgary Improves Taxi Driver Sensitivity Training**, a few questions have been received regarding which drivers are being trained.

The sensitivity training program, started by the Calgary Office of Livery Transport Services in January 2006, is for all new taxi drivers in Calgary. All new drivers have to take the training program as part of the process of becoming licensed to operate a taxi in Calgary, even if a driver has experience working as a taxi driver in a different city. The training program is for drivers of all types of taxis (accessible as well as non-accessible taxis).

The training program will be expanded to include all taxi drivers operating in the City of Calgary. Although a completion date for training for all taxi drivers is not set, it is expected this will take at least one year.

The training program includes:

- identification of clients with disabilities
- identification of types of disabilities
- assisting persons with mobility, visual, and hearing disabilities
- assisting persons with guide dogs
- guidance in dealing with safety related issues if a client develops a medical situation while being transported.

For further information, please contact:

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City of Calgary Office of Livery Transport Services

Phone: (403) 221-3581

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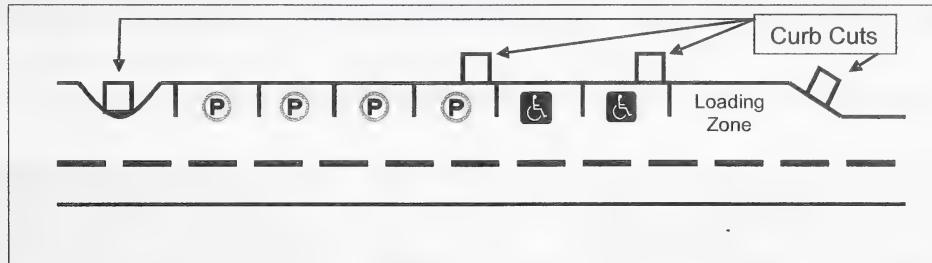


## Medicine Hat Improves Parking for Persons with Disabilities

Medicine Hat will soon complete construction of a protected area for parallel parking in front of city hall to improve safety for persons with disabilities, as recommended by Medicine Hat's Advisory Committee on Issues Affecting the Handicapped.

A protected area for parallel parking, often known as a lay-by, is an area alongside the sidewalk that is offset from traffic and protected by a cement curb. This allows persons to get out of their vehicles without being in the way of traffic. The lay-by in Medicine Hat will consist of two designated parking stalls, a loading zone, and standard parking.

Currently, persons parking in front of city hall must get out of their vehicles, very close to the path of traffic. This is especially difficult for persons with disabilities who may require extra room to get out of their vehicles.



The City expects construction of the lay-by to be completed this summer.

For more information, please contact:

Bruce Thurber  
City of Medicine Hat  
Phone: (403) 529-8163  
E-mail: [bruthu@medicinehat.ca](mailto:bruthu@medicinehat.ca)  
Web site: [www.medicinehat.ca](http://www.medicinehat.ca)

# Did you know . . .

## New Edition of the Canadian Transportation Agency's Fly Smart Booklet Released

In February 2006, the Canadian Transportation Agency (the Agency) released a new version of the **Fly Smart** booklet for air travellers. The booklet provides tips on air travel, including their rights and responsibilities, to help them experience trouble-free flights. Topics include insurance, reservations, airport security, personal safety, and complaints. The booklet that includes a section for persons with disabilities is available on the Agency's web site at:

[www.cta-otc.gc.ca/air-aerien/flysmart/index\\_e.html](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/air-aerien/flysmart/index_e.html)

For more information, please contact:

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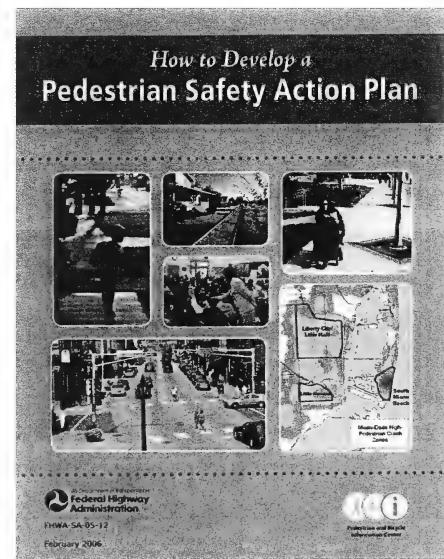
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Web site: [www.cta-otc.gc.ca/air-aerien/flysmart/index\\_e.html](http://www.cta-otc.gc.ca/air-aerien/flysmart/index_e.html)

## Developing a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

The US Federal Highway Administration's Office of Safety has recently completed development of a guide entitled **How to Develop a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**, to help improve pedestrian safety. Development of the guide was completed with the assistance of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, and will help regional and local officials develop and enhance pedestrian safety programs and activities. The guide includes information such as:

- identifying safety problems
- analyzing information
- selecting optimal solutions
- involving stakeholders
- evaluating projects



The guide focuses on improving safety through street redesign and other engineering solutions, as well as community safety programs. While developed in the US, much of the information could apply to Canada.

For more information, please contact:

Federal Highway Administration

Office of Safety

Phone: (202) 366-4077

E-mail: [report.center@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:report.center@fhwa.dot.gov)

Web site: [www.walkinginfo.org/pp/howtoguide2006.htm](http://www.walkinginfo.org/pp/howtoguide2006.htm)

## New Vehicle for Rocky Mountain House

Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County will soon have an accessible van available for seniors and persons with disabilities. The Rotary Handicapped Van will be operated by the West Country Family Services Association.

The Town of Rocky Mountain House and Clearwater County, in partnership with the Rotary Club and other local organizations, have contributed funds for the vehicle and annual operating costs. The **federal New Horizons for Seniors Program**, which promotes the involvement of seniors in their communities, also provided funding for capital and operating costs.

The vehicle is able to transport up to three persons using wheelchairs, and will cost around \$55,000. Clients may request trips to medical appointments in Edmonton and Calgary, as well as local trips. Fares for transportation vary based on a person's annual income, with persons with low income receiving a subsidy.



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Web site: [www.rockymtnhouse.com](http://www.rockymtnhouse.com)

# Regulation Changes for Rear-Entry Accessible Taxis in Ontario



Ontario has made some changes to its regulation, **Vehicles for the Transportation of Physically Disabled Passengers**, which affects rear-entry accessible taxis. These changes were initiated to allow variations from the accessible taxi requirements to permit greater mobility of passengers with disabilities.

The regulation previously required that all accessible taxi vehicles be manufactured in compliance with **Canadian Standards Association Standard D409**. The regulation change will exempt London Taxis from compliance with certain provisions of this standard, including prescribed minimum door opening widths, and requirements for edge guards on wheelchair ramps. Rear entry vans used as taxis will be exempted from prescribed emergency exit requirements and may operate with only one wheelchair accessible door.

Specific changes include:

- amending the minimum height requirement of the emergency exits from 45 inches to 44 inches to allow for the use of standard manufacture minivans
- reducing the ambulatory door height to 44 inches from 54 inches to allow for the use of standard manufacture minivans
- eliminating the need for minimum seat heights in cases where the ambulatory passenger seat is located directly adjacent to the door
- changing the method of testing for floor friction to allow for the use of fibreglass floors
- changing the method of testing for friction on ramp surfaces to allow the use of alternative ramp materials
- allowing for the use of a fibreglass floor without a skid resistant overlay.

For more information, please contact:

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Web site: [http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/900629\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/DBLaws/Regs/English/900629_e.htm)

## Useful Links

Welcome to the "Useful Links" section. This section features a variety of useful transportation-related web sites that may be of interest to persons with disabilities and service providers. (Please note that Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation does not necessarily endorse these web sites, nor can it ensure the accuracy of the information contained in them).

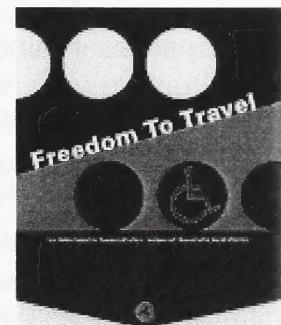
- **Federal Highway Administration - The Older Driver Comes of Age** – provides information on the demographics of an aging population as well as information on US efforts to enhance safety for older road users

[www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/06jan/04.htm](http://www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/06jan/04.htm)



- **US Department of Transportation – Freedom to Travel** – provides results and statistics of the 2002 National Transportation Availability and Use Survey

[www.bts.gov/publications/freedom to travel/](http://www.bts.gov/publications/freedom_to_travel/)

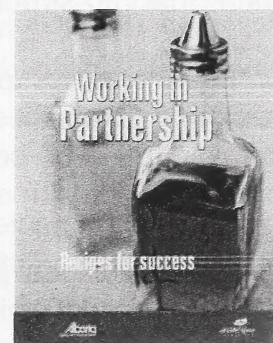


- **Monash University – The Effect of Cognitive Impairment on Older Pedestrian Behaviour and Crash Risk** – provides information on key issues affecting older pedestrian safety

[www.monash.edu.au/muarc/reports/muarc244.pdf](http://www.monash.edu.au/muarc/reports/muarc244.pdf)

- **Alberta Community Development – Working In Partnership** – provides information to assist organizations in establishing and maintaining effective partnerships

[www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building communities/volunteer community/resources/partnership kit/index.asp](http://www.cd.gov.ab.ca/building_communities/volunteer_community/resources/partnership_kit/index.asp)



- **New Horizons for Seniors** – provides information on the federal funding program for community-based projects across Canada that involve seniors

[www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/isp/horizons/toc.shtml](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/isp/horizons/toc.shtml)

If you know of any transportation-related web sites that you would like to share with readers in a future issue, please submit them to:

Mike Bradley

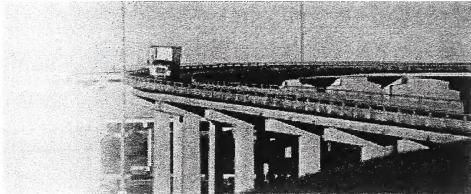
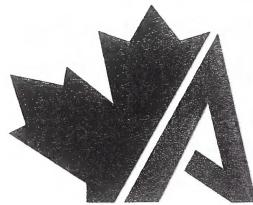
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## **Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund**



Municipalities in Alberta will see an improvement and increase in their public infrastructure as a result of a \$176 million investment by the Governments of Canada and Alberta. With matching contributions for projects from municipalities, the fund is expected to reach a total value of \$264 million.

The federal and provincial governments will each provide \$88 million to the **Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF)** - a joint initiative between the two governments, which will help contribute to a better quality of life for the people of Alberta by enabling communities to improve municipal infrastructure.

CAMRIF's goal is to ensure all Albertans, whether they live in large, small or remote communities, share in the benefits of infrastructure investments. A minimum of 80 per cent of funding under the program is dedicated to municipalities with a population of less than 250,000.

A variety of capital public infrastructure initiatives are eligible for funding under this program, of which at least 26 per cent will be allocated to transportation projects that support tourism and commerce, specifically local roads and bridges, and specialized transit, allowing municipalities to improve the transportation systems, including options for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Further information on the program can be found on the CAMRIF web site at [www.camrif.ca](http://www.camrif.ca), or through Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation's web site at [www.infrans.gov.ab.ca/](http://www.infrans.gov.ab.ca/) by clicking on Capital Plan and Grants and then Canada – Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

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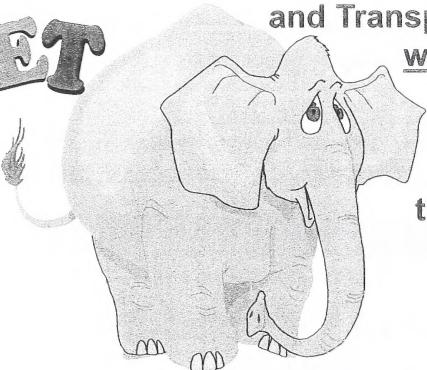
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